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Via Email (FOIA.Public.Liaison@ssa.gov)

Executive Director,
Office of Privacy and Disclosure
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G-401 WHR
6401 Security Boulevard,
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Re: Freedom of Information Appeal
Appeal Tracking No. SSA-2019-002259
Request Tracking No. SSA-2017-001087

Dear Sir or Madam:

We write to clarify that our May 2, 2019 appeal of the above-captioned FOIA determination (as to the agency's failure to produce complete computational and payment history for the periods specified in the FOIA request), includes the failure to produce any record at all for 113 of the individuals for whom the agency acknowledged acceptable proofs of death. In other words, while the agency's determination letter purported to produce "SSIDs, both active and inactive, of the 316 deceased individuals for whom we have acceptable proofs of death in our records (941 pages)," the agency in fact produced incomplete SSID information for only 203 individuals (without payment and computational history data requested for the periods specified in the FOIA request) and it produced no records at all for another 113 of the individuals identified in the FOIA request. Accordingly, as stated in our May 2, 2019 letter, the hospitals request that SSA immediately provide the information requested **for the periods specified** in the above-referenced FOIA request for all but one of the 433 individuals identified in the March 2017 FOIA request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Christopher L. Keough